

Amendments to the Drawings

Formal drawings (Fig. 3) as been filed.

Fig. 3 has been filed in view of paragraph 2 of the Action

REMARKS

The specification has been reviewed, and a clerical error of the specification has been amended.

In paragraph 2 of the Action, the drawings were objected to. In view of the objection, Fig. 3 has been filed. The specification relating to Fig. 3 has been amended.

In paragraph 4 of the Action, claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Jang et al. In paragraph 5 of the Action, claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP '493. In paragraph 7 of the Action, claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jang et al. or JP '493 in view of Hurford et al.

In view of the rejections, claim 1 has been amended, and new claims 4-7 have been added.

In claim 1, it is clarified that a sub-bag is disposed at the lower section of the main bag member to be connected to the gas generator, and includes an upwardly extending portion extending upwardly from one side of the sub-bag to be located in and surrounded by the upper section to allow the gas generator to be disposed therein so that the sub-bag is inflated with the gas from the gas generator and the upper section of the main bag is inflated with the gas from the sub-bag.

In the embodiment as shown in Fig. 10 of Jang et al., a first or lower chamber 151 is located under a second or upper chamber 131. An inflator module 170 is located at a lower side of the lower chamber 151. There is no upwardly extending portion extending from one side of the lower chamber to be located in and surrounded by the upper chamber. The structure now recited in claim 1 is not disclosed in Jang et al.

In JP '493, an airbag includes a baffle 63 to divide a bag into a head supporting part 41 and a chest supporting part 42. An inflator 31 is located horizontally at a bottom of the chest

supporting part 42. As shown in Fig. 5, an upper portion 66 extends substantially horizontally in the airbag. In the invention, the sub-bag includes the upwardly extending portion extending upwardly from one side of the sub-bag to be located in and surrounded by the upper section to allow the gas generator to be disposed therein. In JP '493, the inflator 31 is located at the bottom of the airbag, and there is no upwardly extending portion.

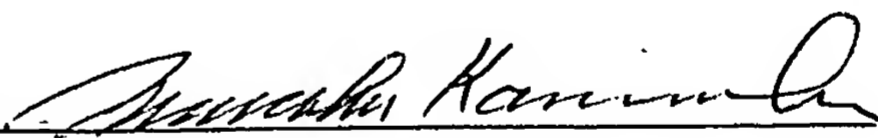
Hurford et al. was cited to show a flap 50 formed at a flow orifice 48 as closing means. Although the closing means is disclosed in Hurford et al., there is no upwardly extending portion in the air bag. Thus, the features of the invention are not disclosed in Hurford et al.

As explained above, the features of claim 1 are not disclosed or suggested in the cited references. Even if the cited references are combined, the invention is not obvious from the cited references.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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